

Six mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L012 • v1.0

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Explain two ways gender inequality may occur within families. [6 marks]

Original local classroom bridge. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L012-Q001. This is not an official AQA Paper 2 mark scheme.

How to award marks

For each of two distinct points: 1 mark for an accurate relevant identification, 1 for explaining the mechanism or distinction and 1 for a developed example or comparison showing its relevance. Maximum 3 per point; total 6. Award components independently.

No creditworthy material = 0. Accept valid alternatives and equivalent wording. Credit comparisons where the question requests differences. Do not double-credit repeated versions of the same point. A name alone is not an explanation.

Model response

Unpaid work may be allocated unequally. One adult can combine paid employment with most planning, cleaning and care, leaving less time for rest or career development. When this pattern is gendered, it can reproduce unequal opportunities for women and men.

Control of resources may be unequal even when income is shared. If one partner decides how savings are spent, that partner can prioritise their own preferences. Pooling money therefore does not automatically produce equal influence over family decisions.

Why this earns the marks

Each paragraph identifies a distinct relevant point, develops its meaning and demonstrates the connection through an example or comparison: indicative 6/6 under this local rubric.